

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 3, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Phil Dodd
Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner Mike Kusch
Commissioner Steve Pearcy
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Davidson Doug Demosi
David Jones Mac Nolen
Mimi Keisling Becky Shelton

Chairman Jernigan presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Kusch, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Kusch moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the Building Codes report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Highway Department had no report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the Planning Commission report with information on available subdivision lots and the Public Works report.

Mr. Demosi also advised for the information of the Committee that the Williamson County Planning Director has made a presentation to the Planning Commission on the Trafficshed program which is used in Williamson County and the Planning Commission is looking to see if the program is feasible to use in Rutherford County for planning purposes. The cost is approximately \$9,700 for the study and funds are available in the Mayor's discretionary funds. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Kusch, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Landfill report for the use and information of the Committee with information on free services provided at the landfill over the last year advising the landfill would have broken even or turned a small profit if the free services were eliminated. The free services include taking razed properties from municipalities. Mr. Nolen advised this may need to be considered in the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Nolen next presented the Convenience Centers report advising Mimi Keisling recently did a trash audit wherein she rode in trucks looking at each dumpster. Mr. Nolen reviewed the waste amounts from the schools advising the survey showed there is outside dumping in the school bins from the public. Mr. Nolen has a meeting set up with school personnel on the findings. Bins that already have

locks on them did not have the spike of public trash over the holidays. There are 276 bins and the bins are serviced 663 times per week. The cost to put locks on the school bins is a little over \$30,000.

Mr. Nolen advised the County is trying to get citizens to recycle but the County has to lead by example and it is not doing so currently. Mr. Nolen advised he was looking at reducing the number of times the school bins are picked up to cut costs. The County cannot continue doing what it is doing with solid waste. Commissioner Dodd suggested starting with the School Board Superintendent to convey the need for change.

Commissioner Stevens requested information on how long it would take to recoup the \$30,000 expenditure to put locks on the school trash bins.

Commissioner Gourley advised he thought it was a good idea to publish which schools are doing well to get the information to the parents and wanted to see a meeting with Mr. Nolen, the Mayor, School Board Superintendent and Chairman to talk candidly about problems and issues and what can be done. Mr. Nolen advised the problem is not only with schools but other departments as well. Commissioner Dodd suggested adding the Sheriff to the meeting and others. Commissioner Gourley requested a report back regarding the meeting with the School Board.

Mr. Nolen advised stiffer penalties and fines were needed for illegal dumping.

Mr. Nolen advised the cost per year to service school system trash is between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Most litter picked up on the side of highways is beverage containers and fast food restaurant containers. Commissioner Kusch advised he thought the Committee would support efforts and would chat with whomever needed. A change of behavior is not a tax on people.

"Commissioner Kusch moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Convenience Centers and Landfill reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next advised the County had a need for a fleet maintenance building and there was thought it should be at the landfill. He provided a map of the landfill area showing the neighbors, sediment ponds, burn area, cemetery, footprint of the C&D site, location of the tornado debris, etc. advising why locating a fleet maintenance building at the landfill is not a good idea. There is maybe 20 acres available but it would be preferable to do a waste to energy facility at this site. Mr. Nolen advised he and the Mayor have been looking for property and they intend to take the matter to the Property Management Committee for authority to pursue the same. Approximately 20 acres is needed and a Convenience Center could be on the location as well.

Mr. Nolen advised the Rutherford County landfill accepted trash for approximately 25 years and the landfill still has methane gas issues. It was previously thought the issue was leachate but it is not.

Mr. Nolen advised his department has a mechanic on staff. He has \$200,000 in his current budget to work on trucks and anticipates spending only \$120,000 this year so this shows the benefit of a fleet maintenance building.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.